



## Time Line for Award Selections and Notifications

May 10–June 30, 2016	Award nomination period is open for DEP Environmental Excellence Awards.
July 2016	Selection committee meets to review nominations and select winners.
Aug. 2016	Winners are notified and arrangements made for attending awards ceremony.
Sept. 21–22, 2016	Awards presentation at the Governor's Conference
Press release distributed to media with names of award winners following awards ceremony.	

### For More Information or Questions

Call 800-926-8111  
or email  
[envhelp@ky.gov](mailto:envhelp@ky.gov).

**Division of Compliance Assistance**  
**300 Fair Oaks Lane**  
**Frankfort, KY 40601**



# DEP Environmental Excellence Awards

## Our Commitment

The Department for Environmental Protection is responsible for protecting Kentucky's air, water and land resources from the adverse effects of pollution. We are committed to working with all of Kentucky's corporate and private citizens to ensure that our environment is healthy and safe.

We realize that protecting the environment is not always easy. The Department's Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA) was created in 2004 because we want you to succeed. The division helps individuals and businesses comply with environmental requirements and become one of Kentucky's environmental stewards.

If you need assistance or wish to learn more about becoming more sustainable, please contact us by calling 800-926-8111 or emailing [envhelp@ky.gov](mailto:envhelp@ky.gov).



## 2016 Nomination Solicitation

## About the Awards Program

The Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2016 Environmental Excellence Awards nomination period. Our mission at DEP is to protect and enhance Kentucky's environment. Kentucky's remarkable natural resources have helped shape our economy, culture and history. Nevertheless, these resources also provide us with the responsibility of good stewardship. This requires vision, commitment and determination on the part of the agency, Kentucky's citizens and the individuals and companies governed by Kentucky's environmental requirements.

In support of this mission, DEP is proud to recognize and encourage environmental excellence in the Commonwealth through this awards program. We know that individuals, businesses and organizations are committed to protecting and improving Kentucky's environment. Through this program, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize those efforts and activities and provide a platform to tell the stories of the great works taking place in the Commonwealth.

In the following pages, you will find information on how to make a nomination, determine who is eligible and the selection process. If you are an environmental steward or know someone who is, we encourage you to apply. Don't waste this opportunity to recognize those individuals, organizations and businesses that on a daily basis commit to exemplary environmental performance.

Thank you and we look forward to your nomination!

# Enabling Excellence

## Nomination Instructions

### Application Deadline:

All nominations must be received by COB June 30, 2016.

### Application Content:

All applications must include the following:

- A completed DEP Environmental Excellence Award nomination form
- At least one letter of recommendation. Each letter must not exceed one page in length.

In addition, an applicant may include supplemental material, such as an article, pictures, press release, etc. The total amount of supplemental information may not exceed three pages in length.

### Application Submission:

Applications can be submitted in hard copy through the mail or electronically by email.

All electronic submissions must be sent to [john.eisiminger@ky.gov](mailto:john.eisiminger@ky.gov), and any attachments should be in pdf formats.

If you mail a hard copy application, please remove all staples and do not send nominations in a folder or binder. All mailed applications should be sent to the following address:

Division of Compliance Assistance  
Attn: Award Nomination  
300 Fair Oaks Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601



## Award Categories

### Environmental Pacesetter Award

*Purpose:* To recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for their exemplary efforts to protect the environment, conserve resources and set an example of environmental stewardship for the Commonwealth of Kentucky

*Eligibility:* Three awards will be given for this category.

- Medium to Large Business: A business (registered with the Kentucky Secretary of State) with greater than 100 employees in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that has not had any significant environmental violations within the last three years
- Small Business: A business (registered with the Kentucky Secretary of State) with 100 or fewer employees in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that has not had any significant environmental violations within the last three years
- Individual/Organization: A citizen, agency, nonprofit (501(c) (3)) or other entity not categorized as a for-profit business or individual

### Resource Caretaker Award

*Purpose:* To recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for their efforts to conserve Kentucky's resources through actions that conserve Kentucky's natural resources through proactive efforts, such as recycling, pollution prevention, water-use reductions, energy efficiency, land management and preservation and habitat restoration.

*Eligibility:* Organizations, individuals and businesses. Only one award will be given for this category.

Let's recognize  
Kentucky's environmental  
leaders!

Nominations are being  
accepted through  
June 30, 2016.



Do You Know  
an  
Environmental  
Leader?

### Community Environmental Luminary Award

*Purpose:* To recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for achievements in community-based environmental education and outreach

*Eligibility:* Organizations, individuals and businesses. Only one award will be given for this category.

- Environmental education is defined as organized efforts to teach about how natural environments function and, particularly, how human beings can manage their behavior and ecosystems in order to live sustainably. Environmental education and outreach may include mentoring activities.
- Community-based means environmental education and outreach that is targeted to the local or regional areas in which the organization, individual or business operates or is focused.

### KY EXCEL Champion Award

*Purpose:* To recognize a KY EXCEL member that has shown outstanding leadership in promoting the goals of the KY EXCEL program and encouraging Kentucky's private and corporate citizens to participate in positive environmental stewardship behaviors

*Eligibility:* Current KY EXCEL Members

## About KY EXCEL

KY EXCEL is the department's voluntary environmental leadership program. KY EXCEL's objective is to encourage individuals, organizations and businesses to complete voluntary projects that improve Kentucky's environment.

KY EXCEL members choose projects that fit their work plans or lifestyles. In 2015, this community of environmental leaders has:

- Planted over 14,000 trees, enough to remove 337 tons of carbon a year.
- Recycled over 12,000 pounds of electronic waste.
- Collected and recycled 11,000 pounds of hazardous waste.
- Planted 15 acres of native grasses.
- Conserved enough water to fill 23 Olympic-sized swimming pools.
- Saved enough electricity to power 394 homes for one year and enough natural gas to supply 48,000 homes.

To become a member of KY EXCEL and join the community of environmental stewards, please visit [dca.ky.gov](http://dca.ky.gov) or email [envhelp@ky.gov](mailto:envhelp@ky.gov).